

HB 965 -- ZINC FERTILIZERS

SPONSOR: Frederick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 8 to 4.

Currently, the Hazardous Waste Management Commission may not promulgate rules more stringent than the federal promulgated rules under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, except for specified reasons. This bill removes the ability for the commission to be more stringent than the federal rules relating to hazardous secondary materials used to make zinc fertilizers.

This bill is the same as HB 2746 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would remove a restriction on businesses that produce zinc fertilizers and would allow them to use a less costly feedstock, which also helps recycle a hazardous substance safely. Currently, state law is more strict than federal laws regarding the use of these materials in the production of zinc fertilizer.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Frederick and Scott Volmer.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.